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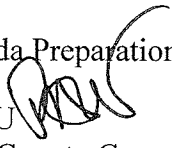
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Phyllis Losorelli and Joe Losorelli v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-05062

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Phyllis Losorelli and Joe Losorelli v. County of Los Angeles, United States District Court Case No. CV 14-05062 in the amount of \$1,600,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw warrants to implement this settlement from the Department of Mental Health's and Sheriff's Department's budgets.

This lawsuit alleges that the Department of Mental Health and the Sheriff's Department failed to undertake measures to prevent an inmate's suicide.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Phyllis Losorelli, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	2:14-CV 14-05062-R-SH
COURT	United States District Court - Central District
DATE FILED	June 30, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$1,600,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ronald O. Kaye, Esq. KAYE, McLANE, BEDNARSKI & LITT, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 18, 2013, Austin Losorelli was arrested and was brought under the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. During his incarceration, he was evaluated by the Department of Mental Health personnel.</p> <p>On September 30, 2013, Austin Losorelli committed suicide in his jail cell. Mr. Losorelli's parents filed a federal civil right violation against the County of Los Angeles and some of the Los Angeles County personnel contending that the County of Los Angeles failed to undertake measures to prevent Austin Losorelli from committing suicide.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$52,709
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$0